

**City of Bloomfield**  
**November 2, 2009**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Bloomfield, Nebraska, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jim Cripe at the City Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Jim Cripe and Council Members Brad Eckmann, Joe Hunhoff, Joe Skrivan, and Barb Wilson. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room.

Motion by Wilson to adopt the agenda, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked if anyone not on the agenda would like to address the Council. No one responded.

Motion by Hunhoff to adopt the pre-approved agenda items, second by Eckmann: 10/5/09 regular meeting minutes; October claims in the amount of \$151,028.13; and the following transfers: \$68,849.00 from Medical Clinic to General Checking. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the public hearing for zoning applications. Minutes from the October 26<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission were reviewed. Application by Randy True for a special permit for limited business activity in the R-2 District - Lot 1 and the East ½ of Lot 2, Block 32, Oric Addition (203 South Pierce Street) was considered. Motion by Skrivan to approve on Lot 1 and East ½ of Lot 2, Block 32, Oric Addition a special use permit for limited business activity; second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: Hunhoff. Motion carried.

The withdrawn application by Craig Braunsroth for a special use permit for limited business activity at 423 East Main Street was put before the council. The application was withdrawn as the applicant has stated intentions to not use the items stored on the property for business. Gib Braunsroth addressed the council. He said that he heard that the house to the east owned by Randy Repenning had been condemned several years back and that he would not remove dirt and sand at 423 East Main Street until the neighboring house was demolished. Police Chief Bryan Ruhr informed the council that Mr. Repenning had met requests for the property but that he would take an additional look at the property for violations. City attorney will be consulted regarding the items stored at 423 East Main Street.

Jody Mach spoke to the council regarding his application for a variance for a home addition at 204 West Dewey Street. Motion by Hunhoff to approve addition on Lot 6, Block 37, Oric Addition; second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council considered application by Leon Gieselman for a variance for an addition to a garage at 312 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Motion by Wilson to approve garage on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Bush Addition; second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the public hearing on Ordinance 09-5, an ordinance providing for hours for city parks. Motion by Skrivan to advance 09-5 to third reading, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lea Ann Quist and Doug Ptacnik of Great Plains Communications responded to questions regarding cable TV services and Ordinance 09-6, an ordinance for renewal of a cable TV franchise agreement with Great Plains Communications. Motion by Hunhoff for adoption of Ordinance 09-6 and to waive the three-readings, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council considered Ordinance 09-7, an ordinance to purchase the former NorthStar Services Office, 607 South Broadway Street, from the Bloomfield Community Foundation for the purpose of housing the water department. Water Superintendent Dave Stark noted that the proposed purchase would be an improvement over current facilities and that while there would be some additional costs to move operations, efforts will be made to keep those costs down. Motion by Wilson to approve Ordinance 09-7 to purchase the former NorthStar Service office at a price of \$32,000 and to waive the three readings; second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Administrator Lyndsy Jenness provided an update on construction of the medical center, fundraising, and work on a lease agreement. Motion by Wilson to approve line of credit to borrow \$55,700 and to give approval to the city clerk or city administrator along with the mayor or council president to apply funds from the medical clinic account to the line of credit at Farmers and Merchants State Bank in the event of donations being made on the project; second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The engineering agreement for proposed street improvements on Southeast Broadway and North Broadway was reviewed. Motion by Skrivan to proceed with agreement with JEO for engineering, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Administrator noted that the sale of land at the airport to Steve Barney/Bloomfield Ag & Aerial is still on hold pending approval of the land division by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Knox County Board of Supervisors.

Council members were invited to share thoughts following last month's discussion regarding changing the leave policy for city personnel. No new discussion.

The Council was informed of Public Works Superintendent's efforts to get quotes for a project to connect Oric Street in with existing storm sewer on Park Street.

### New Business

Cemetery Board members Travis Kauth, Carolyn Kaiser, and Marvin Hagge were on hand to meet with the Council to provide an update on the cemetery and information on an employee review. Motion by Wilson at 7:45 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss the cemetery employee review, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried. Motion at 7:57 p.m. by Wilson to come out of executive session, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried. No action taken by the Council.

Expansion by Time Out Lounge led the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to ask the Council for a recommendation on Time Out Lounge's liquor license. Motion by Wilson to approve liquor license for addition of beer garden and building to the south, second by Skrivan. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Administrator informed the Council of the upcoming preparation of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. Skrivan noted that he would like to consider expanding concrete paving on North Broadway to the coop's scale entrance.

There was discussion of a proposal to make the north-south alley that runs behind the community center, medical center, and library a one way from north to south. Input will be sought from property owners adjacent to the alley.

The Council reviewed the request for annual membership contribution of \$3,378 for the Knox County Development Agency. Motion by Hunhoff to approve, second by Eckmann. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Council was informed that Kevin O'Brien of Nebraska Public Power District had been asked by Poppe Hay Company to discontinue service of the light on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street near Poppe Hay Company. NPPD is giving the city the option to add the light to the street light electricity account to provide lighting in that area of town. Motion by Skrivan to retain the street light on 1<sup>st</sup> Street by Poppe Hay Company and add it to the street lights, second by Wilson. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council was informed of JEO's report recommending that the city consider once a year discharge of lagoons and land application to comply with new regulations. Staff are to come up with a timeline for compliance and are to document the timeline.

Administrative reports were presented for the public works department, police department, and city administrator.

Motion by Skrivan to adjourn, second by Hunhoff. Ayes: Eckmann, Hunhoff, Skrivan, Wilson. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Lyndsy Jenness  
City Administrator

Jim Cripe  
Mayor